

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first paragraph, insert the following heading:

A' -- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION - -.

Page 1, between the fifth and sixth paragraphs, insert the following heading:

A2 -- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION - -.

Page 1, delete the seventh paragraph in its entirety:

~~This problem is solved by the features of the single claim.~~ ✓

Page 2, between the second and third paragraphs, insert the following heading:

A3 -- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS - -

Page 2, amend the third paragraph to read as follows:

A4 - - ~~The single figure~~ FIG. 1 shows the schematic structure of an inventive data carrier. - -

Page 2, amend the fourth paragraph to read as follows:

A5 - - ~~The figure~~ FIG. 1 shows a data carrier comprising carrier 1 with electronic circuit 2, display 3, battery 5 that is connected with display 3 via switch 4, and device 6 for detecting the usability or probability of use of display 3. - -

Page 2, between the fourth and fifth paragraphs, insert the following heading:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION - -

Page 2, amend the paragraph spanning pages 2 and 3 to read as follows:

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-- Display 3 is used for representing data contained in electronic circuit 2. Display 3 can be activated via switch 4 and then indicates the data content of circuit 2. Such a data content may be e.g. for example, the credit balance of an electronic purse. Unlike the schematic structure of the data carrier shown in FIG. 1 ~~the figure~~, a different structure can be chosen. For example, electronic circuit 2 may not be a contact-type one as shown, but a contactless one. Electronic circuit 2 then has suitable coupling elements, e.g. antennas. Electronic circuit 2 may furthermore also be supplied with power by battery 5. Deviating from the schematic structure shown in FIG. 1 ~~the figure~~, the individual elements of the data carrier may also overlap. For example, battery 5 may be formed so as to extend under the display and/or under device 6. --

Page 3, amend the first full paragraph to read as follows:

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-- When switch 4 is operated to activate display 3, display 3 is supplied with power by battery 5 via switch 4 and device 6 for detecting the usability or probability of use. Device 6 for detecting the usability or probability of use of display 3 continuously checks in the activated state whether the display can be read by a user at all or whether there is a certain probability of the display being used or read by a user. If device 6 detects that no usability is given or that the probability of use of the display by a user is low, it interrupts the electric connection between battery 5 and display 3. This can be done by interrupting one supply line, as shown in FIG. 1 ~~the figure~~, but it is also possible to interrupt both supply lines. Deviating from the interruption of one

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or both supply lines, it is also possible to increase the resistance within the circuit comprising display and battery in such a way that no or at least very little current can flow. - -
